



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 192

Introduced by: **Senator Nesiba**

1 **An Act to increase the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship award.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 13-55-33 be AMENDED:**

4 **13-55-33.** One-half of the annual scholarship award shall be paid to public
5 institutions on behalf of eligible students there enrolled or directly to eligible students
6 enrolled at nonpublic institutions at the beginning of the fall semester and the other half
7 shall be paid at the beginning of the spring semester. The amount of the annual award
8 shall be as follows:

9 ~~(1) One thousand dollars for the first year of attendance;~~

10 ~~(2) One thousand dollars for the second year of attendance;~~

11 ~~(3) One thousand dollars for the third year of attendance;~~

12 ~~(4) Two thousand dollars for the fourth year of attendance unless the student attended~~
13 ~~full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school located~~
14 ~~outside South Dakota prior to admission to the program, in which case the award~~
15 ~~shall be one thousand dollars.~~

16 ~~For students first receiving a scholarship award after July 1, 2015, the amount of~~
17 ~~the annual award shall be as follows:~~

18 (1) One thousand ~~three~~ four hundred dollars for the first year of attendance;

19 (2) One thousand ~~three~~ four hundred dollars for the second year of attendance;

20 (3) One thousand ~~three~~ four hundred dollars for the third year of attendance;

21 (4) Two thousand ~~six~~ eight hundred dollars for the fourth year of attendance unless the
22 student attended full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical
23 school located outside South Dakota prior to admission to the program, in which
24 case the award shall be one thousand ~~three~~ four hundred dollars.

25 If a scholarship recipient completes an undergraduate degree within three full years
26 of attendance and subsequently enrolls in an eligible institution as defined in subdivision

1 13-55-31(4) in a graduate program and attains full-time graduate status as determined
2 by the graduate program, the recipient is entitled to the remainder of the award the
3 recipient would have received if the recipient had completed an undergraduate degree
4 following four full years of attendance.

5 If, in any year, the total funds available to finance the scholarship awards are
6 insufficient to permit each eligible recipient to receive the full amount provided in this
7 section, the available moneys shall be prorated and distributed to each recipient in
8 proportion to the entitlement contemplated by this section. The total amount of the
9 scholarship may not exceed ~~six thousand five hundred~~ seven thousand dollars.